

45. The process of claim 44 wherein the composite mat further comprises a sheet of paper which is glued to the surface of the mat.

46. The process of claim 45 wherein the chemically crosslinked polymer coating is formed on the paper.

47. The process of claim 44 wherein the polymer coated composite substrate is paper and the chemically crosslinked polymer coating is formed on a fiber mat and compressed with the mat as part of a papermaking process.

48. The process of claim 44 wherein the ionically crosslinked polymer has thermosetting functionality. --

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment adding a cross reference to related applications is submitted to make a proper priority claim under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the related nonprovisional application. Claims 1-36 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 37-48 have been added and are directed to a process for the manufacture of a polymer coated composite substrate. Support for these claims is found throughout the specification and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added by way of addition of these claims. Applicants submit that this application is entitled to favorable consideration, culminating in allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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